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Border Integrity Open Source Results for 2022-02-16, 1000 hours

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AIM

To provide RCMP O Division with passive open source information identified on 2022-02-16 by 1000 hours, pertaining to the ongoing protests known as the "Freedom Convoy" at or near Ontario land and air ports of entry (POE).

KEY FINDINGS

- Open source queries reveal that there is a planned protest scheduled for Saturday 2022-02-19 on the American side of the Peace Bridge.
- Leaked information from the crowdfunding website "GiveSendGo" shows significant donations from residents in Niagara.
- There are ongoing online discussions about the protests in Windsor; however, no information has been identified during this reporting period about any planned protests.
- The Personal business has indicated their delivery truck will attempt to cross into Canada during the morning of 2022-02-16, after securing an additional permit required for entrance.

NIAGARA REGION

Leaked information from the crowdfunding website "GiveSendGo" shows 662 donations came from Niagara postal codes.[i]

Peace Bridge

An unverified Twitter account "Personal Info." tweeted on 2022-02-15 that a "Freedom Trucker Protest" is to be held this Saturday 2022-02-19 at 1000 at the Peace Bridge in Buffalo, New York. The planned protest is described as being "peaceful" with the goal to "end all mandates that remove a person's right to consent". While this event is proposed to occur on the US side of the border, the owner of the Twitter account, Personal Info., describes herself as "Canadian by birth, American in Heart".[ii]

Rainbow/Whirlpool/Queenston-Lewiston Bridge

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

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WINDSOR

As noted in the 2000 hours briefing, the Personal founder Personal has been attempting to have his delivery truck enter Canada to provide a delivery of pillows to the "Freedom Convoy" group. A news article posted on 2022-02-15 at 2251 hours noted an additional attempt would take place on 2022-02-16 subsequent to an entrance permit, which was being sought at the time of post.[iii]

Two males in a vehicle attempting to enter Canada for the purposes of handing out pillows and bibles were denied entry on 2022-02-15. Database and cursory open source checks on Personal Info. Personal Info. are negative.

KINGSTON

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

CORNWALL

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

SARNIA

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

SAULT STE. MARIE

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – YOW

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

TORONTO PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – YYZ

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

Protestors are continuing to pivot and develop creative ways to "protest" outside of the traditional sense. New movement to call for decentralized protesting during 'Freedom Week' to commence 2022-02-21.

With the fluidity and ever evolving situations at or near the POEs, continued live query support of open source media is warranted in order to provide updated situational awareness for RCMP O Division and partner agencies.

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LIIMITATIONS

Although every effort has been made to review all publicly visible social media and web sources for information relevant to this brief, the absence of threat information herein should not be taken as an exhaustive examination of potential threats. A large volume of information is available online and constantly evolving.

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captured on 2022-02-16.

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